

Titling Tips

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Important Information for Dealers in the 2009 License Year

1. For your convenience, all dealer plates will be sent by UPS to the dealership's physical address. You will receive your plates within 20 business days after the dealer application has been processed. **No dealer plates will be available for pick up at the Department of Revenue Truman Building address.**
2. To avoid additional penalty, please submit your dealer application no later than October 30, 2008. To avoid increased penalties and a delay in receiving your plates please submit your renewal no later than December 1, 2008.
3. For multi-location dealers a separate license is required for each location. Multi-location dealers must submit a separate application with required documentation and fees for each location.
4. The number of plates available for the 2009 license year will be based on the number of reported sales from July 2007 through June 2008. The number is reflected on your renewal notice. Your monthly sales report will be used to calculate this number.
5. All monthly sales reports must be filed by the 15th of the following month that the sales occurred or a **\$300 penalty will be assessed.**
6. All dealer plates will have two alpha characters ending the configuration. For example, if a dealer D-1234 receives four plates in 2009, they would receive plates D-1234AA, D-1234AB, D-1234AC, and D-1234AD. In 2010, they would receive plates D-1234AE, D-1234AF, D-1234AG, and D-1234AH.
7. Marine placards have been redesigned to the size of a regular license plate. They will consist of the same material.
8. New dealers will receive up to three temporary dealer plates; the permanent plates will be manufactured upon dealer licensure and mailed directly to the dealer's physical address.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 (SB 82 and 91)

1. "Bona fide place of business" law enforcement certification now required every other year after the dealer's first three years in business. Exempt are:
 - ✓ Dealers who sell emergency vehicles only
 - ✓ Franchise dealers
2. Boat dealers and wholesale dealers are now required to maintain a building, lot, and sign. The photograph of the building, lot, and sign must be at least 5" x 7" and no larger than 8" x 10".
3. If you are a dealer and manufacturer, you must submit a separate dealer and manufacturer application and be licensed for each.
4. Emergency vehicle dealers ONLY are exempt from maintaining a bona fide place of business, law enforcement certification requirements, and meeting minimum yearly sales. Emergency vehicle definition has been defined as "motor vehicles used as ambulances, law enforcement vehicles, fire fighting, and assistance vehicles."
5. New dealer license configurations as follows:
 - ✓ Boat Dealer: M-0 to M-999
 - ✓ MV, Trailer, and Boat Manufacturers: DM-0 to DM-999
 - ✓ New (Franchise) MV Dealer: D-0 to D-999
 - ✓ New (Franchise) Power Sport & Motorcycle Dealer: D-1000 to D-1999

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- ✓ New and Used RV Dealer: RV-0 to RV-999
- ✓ New and Used Trailer Dealer: T-0 to T-999
- ✓ Public Auction Dealer: A-0 to A-1999
- ✓ Used MV, Power Sport & Motorcycle Dealer: D-2000 to D-999
- ✓ Wholesale MV Auction Dealer: WA-0 to WA-999
- ✓ Wholesale MV Dealer: W-0 to W-1999

6. Dealers are entitled to up to three plates initially, and **additional plates will be based on the following:**

- Dealers may purchase one plate per every 10 sales, except for RV dealers who may purchase two plates for every 10 sales for the first 50 sales and then one plate for every additional 10 sales over 50.
- Motor vehicle dealers who also have a salvage business license will be entitled to one additional plate for every 50 vehicles purchased July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. If you wish to purchase additional plates, you will need to supply a list of the salvage vehicles purchased showing the year, make and VIN.
- Manufacturers may purchase up to 350 plates.
- The number of plates available for the 2009 license year will be based on the number of reported sales from July 2007 through June 2008. The number is reflected on your renewal notice. Your monthly sales report will be used to calculate this number.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 2008

Below is a summary of bills that become effective August 28, 2008:

➤House Bill 1354

Special Mobile Equipment:

- Exempts “self-propelled sprayers or floaters” that are used for spraying chemicals or spreading fertilizer from titling, registration, and license requirements.

➤House Bill 1628

Alternative Fuel Decal/Tax Exemption:

- Exempts motor vehicles registered as “historic vehicles” and powered by liquid petroleum and natural gas from alternative fuel decal and alternative fuel tax requirements.

➤House Bill 1715

Vessels:

- Requires a properly assigned certificate of ownership or manufacturer's statement of origin to transfer ownership of a vessel or outboard motor; and
- Provides that if an applicant's homemade vessel meets the following criteria, the applicant shall pay a \$55 registration fee:
 - The vessel is at least 16 feet in length, but less than 28 feet in length,
 - Made out of wood, and
 - Has a beam of five feet or less.

➤Senate Bills 930 & 947

UTV's:

- Defines “utility vehicle” as “any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is sixty-three inches or less in width, with an unladed dry weight of one thousand eight hundred fifty pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes”;
- Utility vehicles cannot be operated upon the highways of this state unless they are:
 - Owned and operated by governmental entity for official use,
 - Operated for agricultural or industrial on-premise purposes, or
 - Operated by handicapped persons for short distances on secondary roads; and

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- Cities/counties are allowed to issue special permits for utility vehicles to be used on county roads within the county or on highways within the city to licensed drivers for a fee of \$15. The fee is to be kept by such city/county.

Commercial Motor Vehicles:

- Eliminates the option of two plates being issued for commercial vehicles weighing over 12,000 pounds.
 - Applicants may continue to display their second plate until it expires; and
- Exempts "permanent non-expiring apportioned license plates" issued to commercial motor vehicles and trailers from re-issuance (except for new, replacement, and transfer applications).

➤Senate Bill 936

Emissions Inspections/30-Day Driving Privilege:

- Provides that for the purpose of obtaining an emission inspection only, a vehicle may be operated for 30 days beyond the vehicle's registration date if the vehicle is being driven to reset the vehicle's readiness monitors in order to pass the on-board diagnostic (OBD) emission inspection.
 - Vehicle operators shall be able to present law enforcement with a copy of their failing OBD test results, while they are operating the vehicle to reset the vehicle's readiness monitors.
 - The late registration penalty fee shall still apply if the vehicle is registered after its current registration expires.